

Land Sales Propel Civil Wars, Experts Warn

London, Feb 1 (Prensa Latina) The frenetic sale of forests and farmland that occurs in many countries, mainly in the Third World, promotes violence and civil war, warned the organization Rights and Resources Initiative.

Experts say that the sale of land was a key factor to trigger civil wars in Sudan, Liberia and Sierra Leone.

"Everything indicates that it could still cause new conflicts in many other countries," said the head of the institution, Jeffrey Hatcher.

According to the specialist the way to tackle the problem is to recognize the right of ownership on the grounds of the millions of poor people who have lived and worked on the lands for centuries.

After analyzing the situation in 35 African countries the expert on land rights Liz Alden said that most states fail to respect the laws on these subjects.

Experts urged to halt the sale of forests, whose existence is essential to slow the process of climate change and reduce poverty in the world.